

ONE MINUTE AFTER YOU DIE!

What the MEDIA will never tell you,
What PEOPLE want to avoid at a funeral,
But what EVERYONE needs to know!

How to NOT Be Surprised One Minute after You Die! Part 1

Lesson 3

We all have a tendency to glorify those who die, especially loved ones, and just as it seems that no one in prison is ever *really* guilty, so it seems at funerals that *everyone who dies goes to heaven!*

BUT IS THAT TRUE? IS IT REALITY? IS IT WHAT JESUS TAUGHT?

"If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair." ~C. S. Lewis

Observations about Luke 16:19-31

- It is the **one place** in **Scripture** where we have the personal testimony of who has been to hell.
- It focuses on the **two periods** of life **every** person will experience.

Life **BEFORE** Death
(vv. 19-21)

◀ **DEATH** ▶
(v. 22)

Life **AFTER** Death
(vv. 23-31)

- It answers **three questions** people have about Hell:

1st Question: *What happens one minute after people die and go to hell?*

2nd Question: *Who will be surprised to be in hell?*

3rd Question: *How can I go to heaven and not be surprised to be in hell?*

Why Was the Rich Man in Hell?

1. **Was It Because of His STOCK?** (16:24, 27, 30)
2. **Was It Because of His SUBSTANCE / STATUS / SUCCESS?** (16:19)
3. **Was It Because of His SECULARISM?** (16:14-15, 19, 28-30)
4. **Was It Because of His SINS?** (16:30)
5. **Was It Because of His SELFISHNESS?** (16:20-21, 25)
 - We are judged by our works, but **no one** is **SAVED** by his works! *Revelation 20:11-14*
 - We are **not** saved by our works, but we are saved to **DO** good works! *Ephesians 2:8-10*
 - It is the **HEART** that matters to God and His judgment is the only that counts in the end. *Luke 16:14-15*

A Converted Heart Leads to a Transformed Life and a Changed Destiny!

A Changed Heart Always Leads to a Changing Life & Guarantees a Changed Destiny!

6. **Was It Because of His RESPONSE to Scripture (= Message of Salvation)?** (16:27-31)

So Why Are People Sent to Hell?

*People Are Sent to Hell Because They Choose to **REJECT** What the Scriptures Say about Sin, the Savior, and Salvation.*

How to NOT Be Surprised One Minute After You Die:

1. **Check YOUR RESPONSE to the SCRIPTURES: Am I HEARING what God Has Said and is Still Saying?** (16:27-31; 24:25-27; 44-49)
 - The **Request:** *Do more **SIGNS!***
 - The **Complaint:** *Your word is not **SUFFICIENT!***

- How did people in general **respond** to the greatest sign of all? *John 11:45-48, 53-54; Matthew 27:64*

"Consequently faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached word of Christ." Romans 10:17 NET

"The point is, Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to." MSG

"The law and the prophets were in force until John; since then, the good news of the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and everyone is urged to enter it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tiny stroke of a letter in the law to become void." Luke 16:16-17 NET

- Those who have truly "heard" have been **PERSUADED** to trust and obey the Scriptures. *Luke 16:31; 17:1-4; 28:23-30; 26:28-29*

**NEXT WEEK We Will Study the FINAL THREE RESPONSES to Check,
So We Won't Be Surprised to End Up in Hell One Minute after We Die.**